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• **Legislative Update**

-It's been a quiet month in Washington. Congress has been on recess during the month of August and will return on September 6.

We neglected to include in last month's bulletin the following legislation introduced in Congress on July 28:

S. 1544 (Byron Dorgan, D-ND) -- A bill to establish the **Northern Plains National Heritage Area** in the State of North Dakota.

For list of legislation currently introduced in the 109th Congress, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/LEG/introbills109.pdf>

• **News from the Washington Office**

Hurricane Katrina has torn apart the **Mississippi Gulf National Heritage Area**, having obliterated many of the resources that once existed in the six-county region, including Beavoor, built in 1854 and the final home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and the Mississippi District of Gulf Islands National Seashore. We have heard second-hand that while some of our colleagues managed to evacuate in time, others were unable to leave Biloxi and witnessed the horror and destruction that the hurricane wrought. Our thoughts and hopes are with our colleagues in the Gulf region who face a long struggle ahead.

-A story on the front page of the Real Estate section of the Washington Post's August 13 issue concerns an effort to designate 175 miles from Gettysburg, PA to Charlottesville, VA as the **Journey Through Hallowed Ground** National Heritage Area. Brenda Barrett of the NPS and John Cosgrove of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas and Howard Kittell of Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation were all quoted the article. This three-state region, which includes numerous presidential homes and Civil War Battlefields, is undergoing tremendous development pressures, and was recently designated one of the 11 Most Endangered places in 2005 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

-During a visit to Nashville, TN in July, Mrs. Laura Bush, honorary chair of *Preserve America*, announced details of a key new component of the Administration's *Preserve America* initiative: the *Preserve America* Neighborhood Designation Program. Because larger metropolitan areas such as Nashville tend to have distinct historic neighborhoods that are essentially communities within larger urban areas, the *Preserve America* Community

program has been expanded to include neighborhood eligibility for larger metropolitan areas. For more information on the designation program, visit the Preserve America website at <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/>.

● Update on the NPS Advisory Board Partnerships Committee

-Mayor Hruby, Chair of the Partnerships Committee and a NPS Advisory Board member, will update the Board on the work of the Partnerships Committee at the next Advisory Board meeting in New York City on September 8-9.

-An interim report by the Partnerships Committee on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas in the National Park System* is available as an Acrobat PDF on our website at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas>.



● This Month in the Heritage Areas

-On August 8, Governor Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed an executive order declaring New Jersey as the crossroads of the American Revolution. The Executive Order supports efforts to establish the **Crossroad of the American Revolution Heritage Area** in New Jersey. "New Jersey played a critical role in the American Revolution," Codey said. "Nowhere in the 13 colonies was the cost to civilian population greater; nowhere was the suffering of the troops greater; nowhere was the price of liberty more dear than in New Jersey."

The order designates a Crossroads of the Revolution State Heritage Area, encompassing 213 municipalities and all or portions of 14 counties in central New Jersey, with branches to the north and south connecting the area to New York and Pennsylvania. The designation is expected to assist in the passage of a measure pending in the House of Representatives that would establish a National Heritage Area. That measure is sponsored by Congressmen Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-11) and Rush Holt (D-12). It is identical to legislation sponsored by U.S. Senators Jon S. Corzine (D-NJ) and Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), which passed the Senate last month.

-Job Opportunity: **Coordinator for the Sesquicentennial of Oil**--Organize and plan regional events, national awareness campaign, and national fund-raising campaign for 2009, which is the 150th anniversary of the Discovery of Oil. Oil Region Alliance (ORA), management entity for the Oil Region National Heritage Area, desires Contracted Worker applicants available 20 hours per week at contract hourly rate of \$15, from October 2005 through December 2006. A full description is available from Oil Region Alliance, (814) 677-3152, Ext. 105; mblack@oilregion.org. **Deadline for applications is noon on Friday, September 2.** ORA is furnishing the worksite, which is in a smoke-free Equal Employment Opportunity setting in Oil City, Pennsylvania.

● News from the Alliance of National Heritage Areas

-At the recent International Heritage Development Conference in Nashville, the Alliance of National Heritage Areas announced the formation of the non-profit, education-oriented **Heritage Development Partnership, Inc.** Membership in the HDP is \$50 annually and open to all individuals and organizations. Benefits of membership include reduced registration fees for



Heritage Development Institute workshops, an e-newsletter subscription, an invitation to the annual ANHA Congressional reception in Washington in February, and access to a growing network of heritage development professionals. For more information and to join, visit <http://www.nationalheritageareas.org> or contact Executive Director John Cosgrove at anha.cosgrove@adelphia.net, 202-528-7549.

● Grants and Awards Opportunities

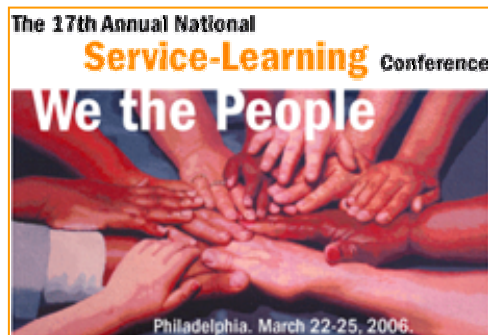
-As part of the **Interpreting America's Historic Places** initiative, the **National Endowment for the Humanities** is seeking applicants to receive grants for interpretation planning and consultation on interpretation projects at places significant to American history. The "place" to be interpreted can be a single historic site, a series of sites, an entire neighborhood, a community or town, or a larger geographical region, but the place as a whole must be of historic importance. The application deadline for the two grant programs is September 16, 2005. **Planning Grants** for *Interpreting America's Historic Places* may be used to develop in detail the content and interpretive approach of projects prior to implementation. For more information, visit the NEH website at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/historicplanning.html#program>. **Consultation Grants** for *Interpreting America's Historic Places* may be used to help organizations initiate new interpretive programs and enrich existing public programs at places of historic significance. For more information on consultation grants, visit <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/historicconsult.html>.

The **National Center for Preservation Technology and Training** will make its PTT grants call for proposals application available online by September 15th. To access the online application, visit <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov> or contact NCPTT at 318-356-7444. Proposals must be received by December 1st. NCPTT's grants program supports innovative projects focusing on preservation technology in historic architecture, historic landscapes, archaeology and materials conservation.

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training is using technology to serve the future of America's heritage through applied research and professional training. Since its founding in 1994, NCPTT has awarded over \$5 million in grants for research that fulfills its mission of advancing the use of science and technology in the field of historic preservation including archaeology, architecture, landscape architecture and materials conservation.

● Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

-The **2006 National Service-Learning Conference** will be held March 22-25 in Philadelphia, PA. The Institute for Global Education and Service-Learning, the local host of the Conference, is providing opportunities for educational institutions and communities to participate in the **Service-Learning Showcase**, where they can highlight their own work and learn and be inspired by the work of others. Project applicants from Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C. are encouraged to apply. The guidelines and application form can be



downloaded from the web at <http://www.nylc.org/> . Applications must be postmarked by October 21, 2005. For more information on the conference or the Showcase, visit the website above or call the Institute for Global Education & Service-Learning at 215-945-2969.

● Publications and Resources

-The NPS Cultural Resources division publishes a monthly **Heritage News Bulletin** which contains press, legislative news, and stories about the National Park Service and its parks and programs. The bulletin is available as a free subscription or you can access it online at <http://heritagenews.cr.nps.gov/index/Index.cfm>

The **Champlain Valley Heritage Corridor Project** (1999), a special resource study to designation the Champlain Valley as a National Heritage Area, is now on the web at http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/chva/heritage_corridor.pdf.

● Other News

Job Opportunity: The **Great Lakes Forest Alliance, Inc.**, a non-profit public/private partnership, seeks an executive director to take the direction of, and put forth ideas and challenges to the Board of Trustees for organizational, fiscal, board, program and partnership administration, communication, evaluation and reporting. The executive director will work with the Board to plan, conduct and communicate the work of the Alliance to portray the ecological, economic and social commitment of the Alliance to sustainable forest management research, policy and practice. The position requires a bachelor's degree and at least three years of non-profit organizational leadership. Additional academic and experiential qualifications are preferred. The director may live/work anywhere within the four jurisdictions of Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin.

The Great Lakes Forest Alliance is a forum to foster and facilitate cooperative efforts that enhance management and sustainable use of the public and private forest lands in Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin. For more information on the Alliance and a more detailed job description, including capacities and competencies, visit the Alliance's website at <http://www.lsfa.org> . To request an application packet, e-mail forestls@lsfa.org and entitle the subject: "Request Application." Complete application package due September 15, 2005. Interviews will be conducted at the end of September.

● For more information on heritage areas, visit our **website**.

-If you have heritage area news to share with the 650+ readers who receive this e-bulletin, please feel free to send it to the editor.

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